BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NOS. 96-212-W & 96-213-W - ORDER NO. 96-581

AUGUST 23, 1996

IN RE: Docket No. 96-212-W - Application of Upstate Heater Utilities, Inc. for Approval of a Transfer of its Water Utility to South Carolina Water and Sewer, L.L.C.

GRANTING NIGHT HEARING

AND

Docket No. 96-213-W - Application of Heater Utilities, Inc. for Approval of a Transfer of its Water Utility to South Carolina Water and Sewer, L.L.C.

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of various rate payers of Upstate Heater Utilities, Inc. (Upstate or the Company) for a night hearing in the service area. The residents state that more participation could occur in the matter, should a hearing be held in the service area of Upstate.

The Commission agrees with this statement, and holds that a night hearing is appropriate under the circumstances of the case at bar.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

A night hearing shall be held at such time, date, and location as shall be designated by the Commission Staff.

2. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

(SEAL)